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1. A computer implemented method for detecting a need to update a prior
5 registration of an on-line site provided on a network, said method comprising:

(a) monitoring changes to the on-line site to determine a change value;

(b) comparing the change value with a threshold value; and

(c) determining the need to update the prior registration of the on-line *CAN BE MANY DIFFERENT THINGS*
site when the change value exceeds the threshold value.

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2. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein said
monitoring (a) is periodically performed and comprises:

(a1) accessing the on-line site over the network;

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(a2) examining files associated with the on-line site over the Internet to
produce current site information; and

(a3) determining the change value based on the current site
information and previous site information associated with the prior registration
of the on-line site.

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3. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 2, wherein the on-
line site is a website on the Internet.

4. A computer implemented *method* as recited in claim 1, wherein the
registration pertains to a copyright registration.

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5. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein the on-
line site is identified by a Universal Resource Locator.

6. A computer-implemented method for monitoring content of a website, said method comprising:

identifying an address location for the website;

periodically crawling the address location for the website to determine
5 an amount or degree of content change at the website as compared to a prior state of the website; and

determining that a registration is needed for the website when the amount or degree of content change exceeds a predetermined threshold.

10 7. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 6, wherein said method further comprises:

providing a notification to a contact for the website when it is determined that a registration is needed for the website.

15 8. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 7, wherein the notification is an email notification automatically sent to the contact when it is determined that a registration is needed for the website.

9. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 8, wherein the
20 email notification provides information on the amount of content change and a recommendation for a registration.

10. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 9, wherein the email notification further provides an indication of where the content change
25 occurs within the website.

11. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 6, wherein said method further comprises:

registering of the website when it is determined that a registration is needed for the website.

12. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 11, wherein said
5 registering of the website is an on-line registration of the website.

13. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 6, wherein the website is previously registered, and the prior state of the website is associated with the previous registration, and

10 wherein the registration determined to be needed is a subsequent registration for the website.

14. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 13, wherein said method further comprises:

15 providing a notification to a contact for the website when it is determined that a subsequent registration is needed for the website.

15. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 14, wherein the notification is an email notification automatically sent to the contact when it is
20 determined that a subsequent registration is needed for the website.

16. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 13, wherein said method further comprises:

25 on-line registering of the website when it is determined that a subsequent registration is needed for the website.

17. A computer implemented method as recited in claim 16, wherein the on-line registration references the previous registration.

